TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3162 – HB 3948

March 2, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a contracting agent who sells, leases, assigns, transfers or conveys its list of contracted medical providers and their contracted reimbursement rates to disclose to the medical provider whether the list can be sold or leased. Authorizes medical providers to decline to participate in workers' compensation networks that are sold or leased. Requires contracting agents to maintain a web page which provides a complete listing of customers to whom a network is sold or leased.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Treasury, the State currently contracts with a vendor to serve as the State's agent in re-pricing workers' compensation bills and negotiating bill reductions. The vendor has indicated that any cost to the state to comply with the provisions of this bill will be not significant.
- According to the Departments of Labor and Workforce Development and Commerce and Insurance, there will be no fiscal impact to state government from the requirements placed on contracting agents.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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